

Consortium of Objectively Measured Physical Activity, Supplementary PhD scholarship

Terms and Conditions December 2018

1. Background

- a. A unique opportunity is available for an outstanding PhD scholar to conduct research into objectively measured physical activity, sedentary behaviour, and sleep in relation to cardiometabolic and other health outcomes within the Pro PASS consortium (Prospective Physical Activity, Sitting, and Sleep consortium).
- b. This scholarship is funded by PAL Technologies Ltd. and the University of Sydney, Sydney Research Accelerator Fellows Program.

2. Eligibility

- a. Applicants must have unconditional offer of admission for full-time studies in a PhD at the Faculty of Medicine and Health at the University of Sydney.
- b. Applicants must conduct research into to conduct research into objectively measured physical activity, sedentary behaviour, and sleep in relation to cardiometabolic and other health outcomes within the Pro PASS project (Prospective Physical Activity, Sitting, and Sleep Consortium).
- c. Applicants must also hold:
 - I. an Honours degree (First Class or Second Class upper), or
 - II. Masters degree in one of the following areas:
 - Public Health,
 - Physical Activity and Exercise Science,
 - Epidemiology
 - Statistics, or
 - IT.
- d. Applicants must be able to demonstrate the following:
 - I. experience with physical activity or nutrition measurements
 - II. high motivation,
 - III. excellent interpersonal and organisational skills,
 - IV. excellent numeracy skills,
 - V. good writing skills,
 - VI. good IT skills,
 - VII. some understanding on the role of physical activity for human health, and
 - VIII. some understanding of particularly accelerometry.
- e. Applicants must also be a recipient of a primary scholarship that will provide a stipend allowance.

3. Selection Criteria

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- a. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the basis of:
 - i. academic merit,
 - ii. curriculum vitae,
 - iii. area of study and research proposal,
 - iv. feedback from three academic referees,
 - v. a cover letter,
 - vi. statement of Tuition Fee Funding (International Students only), and
 - vii. evidence for a primary stipend scholarship.
- b. Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview.
- c. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the nomination of Professor Emmanuel Stamatakis.

4. Value

- a. The Scholarship will provide an annual stipend supplementary allowance of \$12,000 per annum (fixed rate) for up to three years, subject to satisfactory academic performance.
- b. No extension will be allowed.
- c. The Scholarship is not deferrable or transferable to another area of research.
- d. No other amount is payable.
- e. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funding.

5. Eligibility for Progression

- a. Progression is subject to passing the annual progress review.

6. Leave Arrangements

- a. The same conditions as indicated in the terms and conditions of the primary stipend scholarship.

7. Research Overseas

- b. The same conditions as indicated in the terms and conditions of the primary stipend scholarship.

8. Suspension

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9. Changes in Enrolment

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- a. The Scholarship recipient must notify HDRAC and their supervisor promptly of any planned changes to their enrolment including but not limited to: attendance pattern, suspension, leave of absence, withdrawal, course transfer, and candidature upgrade or downgrade. If the award holder does not provide notice of the changes identified above, the University may require repayment of any overpaid stipend.

10. Termination

- a. Unless terminated earlier, the Scholarship will terminate:
 - I. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their PhD,
 - II. upon submission of the thesis or at the end of the award,
 - III. if the student ceases to be a full-time student and prior approval has not been obtained to hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis,
 - IV. upon the student having completed 4 years equivalent full-time study for a PhD,
 - V. on receipt of another supplementary stipend scholarship that increases the overall supplementary rate paid to a student to more than 75% of the primary amount. In such circumstances, the supplementary stipend scholarship of the higher value prevails,
 - VI. if the recipient does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
 - VII. if the student ceases to meet the eligibility requirements specified for this Scholarship, (other than during a period in which the Scholarship has been suspended or during a period of approved leave).
- b. The Scholarship may also be terminated by the University before this time if, in the opinion of the University:
 - I. the course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the terms of this offer,
 - II. the student fails to maintain satisfactory progress, or
 - III. the student has committed misconduct or other inappropriate conduct.
- c. Stipend payments will be suspended throughout the duration of any enquiry/appeal process.
- d. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated unless due to University error.

11. Misconduct

- a. Where during the Scholarship a student engages in misconduct, or other inappropriate conduct (either during the Scholarship or in connection with the student's application and eligibility for the Scholarship), which in the opinion of the University warrants recovery of funds paid to the student, the University may require the student to repay stipend amounts and any other payments made to the student in connection with the Scholarship. Examples of such conduct include and without limitation; academic dishonesty, research misconduct within the meaning of the *Research Code of Conduct* (for example, plagiarism in proposing, carrying out or reporting the results of research, or failure to declare or manage a serious conflict of interests), breach of the *Code of Conduct for Students* and misrepresentation in the application materials or other documentation associated with the Scholarship.

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- b. The University may require such repayment at any time during or after the Scholarship period. In addition, by accepting this Scholarship, the student consents to all aspects of any investigation into misconduct in connection with this Scholarship being disclosed by the University to the funding body and/or any relevant professional body.